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(57) Abstract: It is described a bidirectional promoter for expression of at least two coding sequences in opposite direction in animal cells; bidirectional expression cassettes; expression constructs; gene transfer expression vectors, and methods for the use thereof.

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